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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS ON RICHARD-SMITH MEETING

- 1. TIMES OF ZAMBIA JANUARY 3 ACCOUNT OF RICHARD-SMITH MEETING, ATTRIBUTED TO ITS OWN CORRESPONDENT, STATES SMITH WILLING TO CONSIDER RICHARD'S PROPOSALS TO SEND BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE TO RHODESIA DURING TRANSITION, RE-ESTABLISH A BRITISH PRESENCE IN RHODESIA AND CREATE A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL TO HAVE CHARGE OF DEFENSE AND LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITION. SMITH REPORTEDLY PROMISED REPLIES TO RICHARD WHEN HE RETURNS TO SALISBURY IN ABOUT TEN DAYS
- 2. AAJO ACCORDING TO THE TIMES ACCOUNT, SMITH REJECTED OUT-OF-HAND RICHARD'S PROPOSAL THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIST ONLY OF A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WITH A BRITISH CHAIRMAN. SMITH UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUSED THIS ON BASIS THAT IT REPRESENTED A BREACH OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS WHICH HE ACCEPTED AS A PACKAGE LAST SEPTEMBER.

3. ACCOUNT ALSO REPORTS A BRIEF ACRIMINOUS EXCHANGE BETWEEN SMITH AND RICHARD IN WHICH SMITH LOST CONTROL OF HIMSELF WHEN COMPLAINING OF THE TREATMENT HIS DELEGATION RECEIVED IN GENEVA WHILE RICHARD STAUNCHLY DEFENDED HIS POSITION AND THE ROLE OF

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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